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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Art Unit	3725
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1051 130	2051	2051	65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520*	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 820*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453	650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503 630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
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8021 40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



Office Action Summary

	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/623,942	JOHNSON ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit	
Jason Y Pahng	3725	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 22 September 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ .	6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the abstract may not exceed 150 words in length, as required by 37 CFR 1.72(b). Correction is required.

The disclosure is objected to under 37 CFR 1.71, as being nonstatutory description. The disclosure is totally informal and requires a complete review and redrafting to be put in proper form.

Applicant should be careful not to introduce any new matter into the disclosure (i.e., matter which is not supported by the disclosure as originally filed).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-16 are rejected as failing to define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The claims are totally informal and replete with indefinite and functional or operational language. The structure which goes to make up the device must be clearly and positively specified. The structure must be organized and correlated in such a manner as to present a complete operative device. The claim must be in one sentence form only. Note the format of the claims in the patent(s) cited.

In summation, the claims are totally informal and hence non-statutory.

Allowable Subject Matter

A review of this application reveals that patentable subject matter exists. The retention of an attorney is therefore highly suggested.

Conclusion

The following prior art references made of record and not relied upon are considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Lusty (US 6,416,000), Canada (US 5,145,118), and Terrenzio (US 4,579,290).

An examination of this application reveals that applicant is unfamiliar with patent prosecution procedure. While an inventor may prosecute the application, lack of skill in this field usually acts as a liability in affording the maximum protection for the invention disclosed. Moreover, the value of any patent will depend heavily on the skill and expertise of the claim drafting. In the present form, neither the specification nor the claims would support a Letters of Patent. Applicant is advised to secure the services of a registered patent attorney or agent to prosecute the application. The value of a patent is largely dependent upon skilled preparation and prosecution. The Office cannot aid in selecting an attorney or agent.

Applicant is advised of the availability of the publication "Attorneys and Agents Registered to Practice Before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office." This publication is for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason Y Pahng whose telephone number is 571 272 4522. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM, Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allen Ostrager can be reached on 571 272 4521. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*	Document Number Country Code-Number-Kind Code	Date MM-YYYY	Name	Classification
A	US-6,416,000	07-2002	Lusty et al.	241/275
B	US-5,145,118	09-1992	Canada, Larry D.	241/275
C	US-4,579,290	04-1986	Terrenzio, Gabriel M.	241/275
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